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SUBJECT: MAKARIOS DOUBTS ADVISABILITY OF CONTINUING INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS

IN INTERVIEW WITH ATHENS DAILY ELEFTHEROTYPA REPRINTED
AND CIRCULATED HERE BY GOC PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE,
PRESIDENT MAKARIOS REPLIED TO A QUESTION CONCERNING CYPRUS
PROBLEM AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE "TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE
DOES NOT LEAVE ROOM FOR OPTIMISM ABOUT AN EARLY
SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. FOR MANY MONTHS TALKS
HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UN
SECRETARY-GENERAL BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF GREEK
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AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS. NO POSITIVE RESULT HAS SO

FAR EMERGED FROM THE TALKS AND I PERSONALLY DOUBT
WHETHER IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO CONTINUE THEM.
PROTRACTION OF THE TALKS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE DE-
INTERNATIONALISATION OF OUR PROBLEM. THE TURKS ARE
USING THE TALKS TO DECEIVE WORLD OPINION AND ARE
SEEKING THEIR PROLONGATION IN ORDER TO EXPLOIT
THE TIME FACTOR FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE FAITS
ACCOMPLIS SITUATION. THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE IS
SUBMITTING TODAY ITS PROPOSALS ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM,
AS PROVIDED BY THE VIENNA AGREEMENT. I AM CERTAIN THAT
IT WILL AVOID SUBMITTING CONCRETE PROPOSALS ON THE
TERRITORIAL ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM AND WILL CONFINE
ITSELF TO VAGUE STATEMENTS. I THINK THAT IN SUCH A
CASE THE TALKS SHOULD NOT BE RESUMED." END QUOTE.
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